

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A face shield/fan for protecting a user's face against spray and against spillage occurring at the user's forehead, for dissipating odors and heat and for facilitating drying, the face shield/fan comprising:
  - a mask, generally formed to receive a user's face, comprising an upper portion and a lower portion, the upper portion generally formed to correspond to the user's forehead;
  - 10 a sealing member, attachable to the upper portion of the mask, generally formed to conform to the contours of the user's forehead for sealing therewith, for directing spillage occurring at the user's forehead away from the user's face; and
  - 15 a handle, disposable adjacent the lower portion of the mask, for manually supporting the face shield/fan against the user's forehead and for facilitating waving of the face shield/fan to dissipate odors and heat and facilitate drying.
- 20 2. The face shield/fan of Claim 1 wherein the sealing member comprising a channel, generally formed to span the width of the user's forehead and formed to face outward from the user's face, for directing spillage away from the user's face.
- 25 3. The face shield/fan of Claim 2 wherein the channel further formed to extend generally downward adjacent to the user's eyes, for directing spillage away from the user's face and eyes.
- 30 4. The face shield/fan of Claim 2 wherein the channel further formed to extend generally downward below the user's eyes, for directing spillage away from the user's face and eyes.
5. The face shield/fan of Claim 1 wherein the upper portion of the mask having an upper edge and the sealing

member comprising a groove formed to receive the upper edge, for attaching the sealing member to the mask.

6. The face shield/fan of Claim 1 wherein the sealing member comprising a generally flexible polymer material.

7. The face shield/fan of Claim 1 wherein the sealing member comprising a rubber material.

8. The face shield/fan of Claim 1 wherein the mask comprising a semi-rigid polymer material.

9. The face shield/fan of Claim 1 wherein the mask comprising a thermoplastic material.

10. The face shield/fan of Claim 1 wherein the mask comprising a transparent material for allowing the user to see therethrough.

11. The face shield/fan of Claim 1 wherein the mask containing indicia thereon.

12. The face shield/fan of Claim 1 wherein the mask containing visible indicia therein.

13. The face shield/fan of Claim 1 wherein the mask being formed to generally resemble a particular set of ethnic facial features.

14. The face shield/fan of Claim 1 wherein the mask and the handle being formed of a continuous material.

15. The face shield/fan of Claim 1 where in the mask further comprising a pair of opposed side edges and the face shield/fan further comprising a pair of edge guards formed to respectively receive the side edges, formed of a generally flexible material, for protecting the user's face from the side edges of the mask.

30 16. A face shield/fan for protecting a user's face against spray and against spillage occurring at the user's forehead, for dissipating odors and heat and for facilitating drying, the face shield/fan comprising:

35 a mask, generally formed to receive a user's face, comprising an upper portion and a lower portion,

the upper portion generally formed to correspond to the user's forehead;

a sealing member, attachable to the upper portion of the mask, comprising:

5 a sealing portion generally formed to conform to the contours of the user's forehead for sealing therewith; and

10 a channel, generally formed to span the width of the user's forehead and formed to face outward from the user's face, for directing spillage away from the user's face; and

15 a handle, disposable adjacent the lower portion of the mask, for manually supporting the face shield/fan against the user's forehead and for facilitating waving of the face shield/fan to dissipate odors and heat and facilitate drying.

17. The face shield/fan of Claim 16 wherein the channel further formed to extend generally downward to a position which is below the user's eyes, for directing spillage away from the user's face and eyes.

18. The face shield/fan of Claim 16 wherein the channel further formed to extend generally downward below the user's eyes, for directing spillage away from the user's face and eyes.

25 X 19. A method of forming a face shield/fan for protecting a user's face against spray and against spillage occurring at the user's forehead, for dissipating odors and heat and for facilitating drying, the method comprising the steps of:

30 (a) forming a mask to receive a user's face, the mask comprising an upper portion and a lower portion, the upper portion generally formed to correspond to the user's forehead;

35 (b) forming a sealing member to generally conform to the contours of the user's forehead for

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sealing therewith and attachable to the upper portion of the mask, for directing spillage occurring at the user's forehead away from the user's face; and

5 (c) forming a handle, disposable adjacent the lower portion of the mask, for manually supporting the face shield/fan against the user's forehead and for facilitating waving of the face shield/fan to dissipate odors and heat and facilitate drying.

10 20. The method of Claim 19 wherein step (b) the sealing member comprising a channel, generally formed to span the width of the user's forehead and formed to face outward from the user's face, for directing spillage away from the user's face.

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